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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HAJIME YAMAMOTO, ET AL. ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: NYA ) Group Art Unit: NYA  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: LIQUID CONTAINER, LIQUID )  
SUPPLY SYSTEM AND INK JET )  
RECORDING APPARATUS )  
UTILIZING THE SAME, AND )  
METHOD OF MOUNTING )  
LIQUID CONTAINER ON )  
RECORDING APPARATUS ) February 6, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 42 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claim, showing the change made thereto, is attached.

42. (Amended) An ink jet recording apparatus for discharging liquid ink for recording on a recording medium, comprising:

holding means for detachably holding a recording head for executing recording by discharging ink;

a liquid container according to any of claims 1 to 6, 8 to 14, or 20 to 23 for containing ink to be supplied to said recording head;

a liquid supply unit for connecting said recording head to said liquid supply portion of said liquid container thereby supplying ink in said liquid chamber to said recording head along with the ink discharge from said recording head and communicating the interior of said liquid chamber with the air through said air introducing portion of said liquid container; and

suction means for forcedly sucking the ink in said recording head.

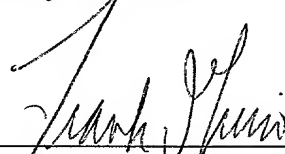
#### REMARKS

Claim 42 has been amended to place the claim in proper multiply-dependent form.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING THE CHANGE MADE TO CLAIM 42

42. An ink jet recording apparatus for discharging liquid ink for recording on a recording medium, comprising:

holding means for detachably holding a recording head for executing recording by discharging ink;

a liquid container according to any of claims 1 to 6, 8 to 14, [17,] or 20 to 23 for containing ink to be supplied to said recording head;

a liquid supply unit for connecting said recording head to said liquid supply portion of said liquid container thereby supplying ink in said liquid chamber to said recording head along with the ink discharge from said recording head and communicating the interior of said liquid chamber with the air through said air introducing portion of said liquid container; and

suction means for forcedly sucking the ink in said recording head.